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To the Chairman and Members of the
Bridgwater Port Health Authority.

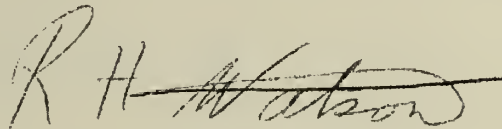
Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit my report
for the year ending 31st December, 1947.

The health of the Port has been
satisfactory throughout the year.

Treatment of venereal diseases is
obtainable at the County Council's Clinic in Bridgwater, and
details of these arrangements and also the facilities available
at all Bristol Channel ports, are displayed in prominent positions
throughout the area of the port.

The Sanitary Inspector's Report is
appended, together with statistics of the shipping using the
port.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'R H Atkinson'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending from the end.

Port Medical Officer.



Town Hall,
BRIDGWATER.
September, 1948.

To the Chairman and Members of the
Bridgwater Port Health Authority.

Mrs. Reed and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my report for the year ending
31st December, 1947.

The total number of vessels using the port has decreased as compared with 1946, but fifteen ships from foreign ports have called at the port, as compared with only one during 1946. The inspections carried out have not revealed any serious defects. No rats were found on any vessel. All defects have been remedied.

R. K. LEAN,
Port Sanitary Inspector.

1. AMOUNT OF SHIPPING ENTERING THE PORT DURING THE YEAR 1947.

TABLE A.

	No.	Tonnage	NO. Inspected by the		No. report- ed to be defect- ive	No. of vessels on which defects were remed'd	No. of vessels reported as having had infectious disease on board dur'g voyage
			Medical Officer of Health	Sanitary Inspector			
Steamer	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
FOREIGN Motor	15	2350	-	15	-	-	-
Sailing	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fishing	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL FOREIGN	15	2350	-	15	-	-	-
COASTWISE							
Steamer	298	28,196	-	43	-	-	-
Motor	26	2,194	-	8	2	2	-
Sailing	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fishing	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL COASTWISE	324	30,390	-	51	2	2	-

II CHARACTER OF TRADE OF PORT.

TABLE B.

- (a) Passenger Traffic - There has been no passenger traffic during the year.
- (b) Cargo Traffic. Principal Imports - coal, sand, flour and timber.

Principal Exports - Bricks, tiles and grain.
- (c) Foreign Ports from which vessels arrived - Rotterdam, Hamburg, Rouen, Kalmar,

III . WATER SUPPLY.

- (1) Source of supply for the Port and Shipping is the Bridgwater Corporation supply.
- (2) Hydrants and hosepipes are inspected as to their sanitary condition.
- (3) There are no water boats in the Port.

IV. PORT HEALTH REGULATIONS, 1933 and 1945.

- (1) The Declarations of Health are handed to the Captain on arrival, completed and returned to the Sanitary Inspector.
- (2) All vessels from foreign ports are boarded by the Sanitary Inspector immediately on arrival.
- (3) The Customs Officer notifies the Port Medical Officer of the times of arrival of all vessels from foreign ports.
- (4) Mooring stations designated under Article 10 are:-
 - (a) The North side of the Bridgwater Dock.
 - (b) The vessels will be breasted off the quay, with gangways off, at the place of mooring.
- (5) Standing exemptions issued to:-
 - (a) Vessels unhealthy by reason of minor infectious diseases on board. e.g. Measles, Scarlet Fever, Diphtheria, Tuberculosis and Pneumonia.
 - (b) Vessels otherwise clean which have arrived from a listed port in an infectious area.
- (6) No experience.
- (7)
 - (a) None
 - (b) Carried out under the supervision of the Sanitary Inspector.
 - (c) None

- (a) Cases of Plague, Cholera, Yellow Fever by arrangement with the Somerset County Council. Cases of Small Box at the County Council's Hospital on the Polden Hills. Cases of other infectious disease at the Axbridge Isolation Hospital.
 - (e) The County Councils Motor-Ambulance at Axbridge is available.
 - (f) Supervision of contacts carried out by the Port Medical Officer.
- (8) & (9) By the Somerset County Council Laboratory at Taunton.
- (10) Treatment of Venereal Disease carried out at the Health Centre, Mount Street, Bridgwater. Particulars of the Treatment Centres available in the Bristol Channel Ports are displayed at all wharves and docks.
- (11) By arrangement with the Bridgwater Borough Council.
- (12) None.

TABLE C.

No cases of infectious disease were landed during 1947.

TABLE D.

No cases reported.

V. MEASURES AGAINST RODENTS.

All ships are inspected for the presence of rats ; treatment of the buildings in the Dock area is carried out as found necessary.

Treatments are carried out by the Bridgwater Borough Rodent Operators.

TABLE E.

(1) On Vessels.

No rats were found on vessels.

TABLE F.(2) In Docks, Quays, Wharves and Warehouses.

No. of Rats	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total in year
Black	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Brown	50	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	40	20	-	110
Examined	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

TABLE G.

No action necessary.

TABLE J.Classification of Nuisances.

Nationality of vessel	No. inspected during 1947	Defects of original constructions	Structural defects through wear & tear	Dirt, vermin & other conditions prejudicial to Health
BRITISH	51	-	-	2
FOREIGN	15	-	-	-

VII. FOOD INSPECTIONS.

- (1) No actions under the Public Health (Imported Food) Regulations, 1937, as the small quantity of foodstuffs landed had been transhipped from another port, where inspection had been carried out.
- (2) There are no shell-fish beds or layings within the jurisdiction of the Port Health Authority.
- (3) No samples of food examined.

